GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CHECK ON POACHING OF TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the number of wild animals including tigers is on the decline due to poaching activities in and around the Wildlife Sanctuaries/Tiger reserves of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases reported in the country, State-wise including West Bengal;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take action to check poaching activities in the said areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to provide any financial assistance to check poaching activities in and around National Parks and Sanctuaries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a)&(b) No decline in the population of major species like Lions, Tigers, Elephants and Rhinoceros has been reported in the country. The details of tiger mortality, as reported by States, during the last one year, including the current year is at Annexure-I. State-wise details of poaching cases of other wild animals are not compiled in the Ministry.

(c)&(d) The action taken by the Government to check poaching activities in the country are at Annexure-II

(e)&(f) The Ministry provides financial assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments for protection and conservation of wildlife and its habitats under various Centrally sponsored Schemes viz., 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. Details of financial assistance provided to States/UT Governments under these schemes during Eleventh Five Year Plan period are at Annexure-III.